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SUBJECT: TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN DURBAN

REF: DURBAN 523

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. TRANSKEI PRE-INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS OCTOBER 16 WERE ATTENDED BY AN ESTIMATED 23,000 SPECTATORS AT LAMONTVILLE, DURBAN. TRANSKEI MINISTER OF INTERIOR STELLA SIGCAU ADDRESSED CELEBRATIONS WHICH WERE FINANCED BY THREE BANTU AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BOARDS IN NATAL. IN HER REMARKS, SIGCAU STRESSED THAT IT WAS AN "ACCIDENT OF CREATION" THAT WOMB FROM WHICH TRANSKEI WAS EMERGING WAS NOT BRITAIN BUT "HATED REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA" (SIC). PEOPLE OF TRANSKEI, SHE SAID, HAVE AN EXISTENCE WHICH PREDATED APARTHEID AND SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND DEMANDED OWN INDEPENDENCE. THAT TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT HAD RESOLVED TO ATTAIN INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT BLOODSHED SHOULD NOT BE HELD AGAINST IT. "IF DOUBTING THOMASES REGARD BLOODSHED AS THE YARDSTICK BY WHICH TO MEASURE THEIR TYPE OF GENUINE INDEPENDENCE, THE PEOPLE OF TRANSKEI SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY."

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2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC

GUIDANCE (REQUESTED REFTTEL) I DID NOT ATTEND CREMONIES AND
DID NOT REPLY TO INVITATION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER CONTACT
FROM TRANSKEIAN SIDE AND ONLY PRESS ATTENTION WAS TO EFFECT
US AND BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAD NOT RECEIVED INVITATIONS
WHICH WERE PROBABLY "DELAYED IN MAIL".
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